

Suggestions for Farm Work in June.

Letter in Progressive Farmer by W. F. Massey--
Corn, Truck and Harvesting of Small Grains.

WORKING WITH THE CORN.

KEEP THE WEEDER BUSY—The weeder and the smoothing harrow were just as important in the early stage of the corn crop as in the cotton field. The way to kill weeds is not to let them get established, and the weeder can be used on the corn crop longer than on the cotton. There is no objection to a deep cultivation close to the corn when it is small, but all subsequent working should be shallow and rapid and care taken that no roots are cut.

SNOW DWARF PEAS—Do not sow rank running peas in the corn to tangle it and make it harder to cut, for I assume that you are going to cut the crop off at the ground while the fodder is good and the ears are well denting. Sow a dwarf bush variety and when the corn is cut you can dig the vines thoroughly and put the surface in order for winter grain.

A WORD ABOUT THE SEED PATCH.—Then I hope that you have planted a seed patch, and are going to watch it and take out the green tassels from all inferior plants and then select the very best for the next year's seed patch and use the rest for the general crop, thus advancing year by year towards an ideal prolific corn plant.

Much has been said by corn breeders about the need for promoting cross fertilization to increase the vigor and productiveness of the crop. The advice is to plant separate rows from a series of ears. Then detassel each alternate row so that the pollen from the other rows will cross the pistils or silks of the detasselled rows. This would promote cross fertilizations if we were sure that the ears selected were not close sibs. But if selected from the same field we will know nothing of the parentage of any of the ears. The seed is taken from detasselled rows.

A better way to insure crossing would be to have two seed patches remote from each other. Then take ears from each patch and plant in alternate rows, detasselling all the rows from one patch so that they will be fertilized by pollen from the other patch. Then the next year reverse the order and have the male parents from the other patch. This would be real crossing, and is what the stations might do well, though farmers generally will not take that trouble.

PLANTING CORN WITH A WHEAT DRILL—I have seen corn planted successfully with a wheat drill by stopping all but two spouts at the proper distance apart and then harrowing and chopping out like cotton. The wheel on the left is used as a marker. This is rapid but takes a good deal of seed.

PLANT FOR A FULL SILO.—If you intend to do the best in your farming, and intend to feed next winter you should by all means have a silo and should now plant the corn for it, and the wheat drill will be an excellent machine for planting this corn if you let it stand as thick as drilled. Later, I will tell how to build a cheap silo with wooden hoops that are better than iron or steel.

HARVESTING SMALL GRAINS.

MAKE YOUR SHOCKS RIGHT.—You will use the binder, of course, but the important matter is to see that the shocks are made properly to prevent damage to the grain in curing. Set up a good broad base and lay bundles around roof-like and cap with one good bundle. Good sized shocks are far better than small ones.

SOW PEAS ON STUBBLE.—Then, if you have not sown clover on the wheat, plow the stubble at once and sow peas for hay, and when the hay is cut disc the stubble and sow crimson clover in September as a winter cover and a preparation for cotton next spring. This clover, turned down in April will give you a fine chance to plant cotton on the level and will help the crop immensely. One farmer in South Carolina wrote to me that a growth of crimson clover made him 1,100 pounds of seed cotton without fertilizer except the acid phosphate and potash he applied to the clover, while land alongside that had no clover, but was fertilized, made 500 pounds of seed cotton per acre.

THE TRUCK PATCH.

SUCCESSIVE AND CLEAN CULTIVATION.—Do not allow the busy rush in the field to cause you to neglect the vegetables. It is far better to have them out in a heavily manured piece of land in long rows that can be worked by horse power

than in an enclosed garden where a great deal of hand work will have to be done. As fast as a row of snaps comes up I plant another row till last of August, and thus keep a constant supply for the table. In like manner I plant rows of sweet corn for roasting ears. If the garden is kept at work and clean all summer there will be few cut worms next spring, for the eggs are laid in the weeds and grass that are so common in our gardens in the fall.

SOW LATE IN JUNE.—The latter part of June is the best time in the South to sow seed of parsnips, salsify, and carrots for the winter. The parsnips and salsify will make their best growth in the fall, and, in fact, will grow all winter a little. The stump-rooted Denver carrot is best for table use, and as the nights get cold a furrow can be thrown to them from each side and they will keep all right. Blood beets should also be sown in June and in the fall treated like the carrots.

MARKETING HINTS.—If you sell vegetables put them into nice shape for the market. Tie beets in neat bunches, and onions likewise, and have them washed clean. Many people are fond of green peas like the white black-eye, and it will pay to grow these in rows like snaps. There is a large white black-eye pea now on the market that is much better than the old one and ripens in sixty days, so that two crops can be made on the same land, for I have done it in Raleigh.

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